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1. The Betriebsräte, which were organized in the factories in the Russian Zone about six months ago, carry out their duties in a Communist spirit only if kept under strict supervision.
2. Some of the Betriebsräte, which were freely elected by the workmen, do not include among their members any SED members.
3. A recent order of the SMA, therefore, provides for the inclusion in every Betriebsrat of two members of the SED, not elected by the workmen but nominated by the military authority. These appointments are made often without reference to their technical or professional qualifications or local associations.
4. The duty of these SED nominees is to attend every meeting of the Betriebsrat, and to report all proceedings of this body to a higher SED authority, with the object of ensuring that no "undemocratic decisions" are taken, or, if taken, carried out.

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